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SUMMARY: MINISTERIAL AND HIGHER LEVEL TRAFFIC BETWEEN

BONN AND THE CAPITALS OF EASTERN EUROPE WILL BE HEAVY THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS WITH FOUR PARTY CHIEFS EXPECTED IN BONN AND TWO HIGH LEVEL GERMAN VISITS TO BUCHAREST ON THE SCHEDULE. CHRONIC TRADE IMBALANCES WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, BUT LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARD SOLUTION CAN BE EXPECTED. CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE ANOTHER RESTRAINING FACTOR. ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE REALITIES OF THE GERMAN ECONOMIC AND ELECTORAL SCENE ARE LIKELY TO FRUSTRATE ATTEMPTS FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN FRG-EE RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. NOW THAT THE FRG EXPORTS AS MUCH TO EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING THE USSR) AS IT EXPORTS TO THE THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE NINE (UK, IRELAND AND DENMARK), THE FRG'S TRADE RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE CANNOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY. HOWEVER, AS CAN BE SEEN IN THE CASE OF POLAND (SEE BELOW), THE GERMAN BODY POLITIC IS ILL PREPARED TO ACCEPT CONTINUED OUTLAYS OF LARGE CREDITS AND/OR GERMAN PAYMENTS ON RELATED OR NON-RELATED CLAIMS ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC AND TRADE PROBLEMS, THE CURRENT IMPASSE OVER INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN FRG-USSR RELATIONS ON THREE AGREEMENTS UNDER NEGOTIATION (CULTURAL PROTOCOL, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND SCIENTIFIC/ TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION) PROBABLY PRECLUDES THE CONCLUSION OF LIKE AGREEMENTS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THUS, THE DISCUSSION DURING THE UPCOMING HIGH LEVEL VISITS SHOULD NOT RESULT IN MUCH MEANINGFUL PROGRESS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA: FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC VISITED BONN NOVEMBER 3-4. HE MET WITH GENSCHER, SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT SCHEEL, ECONOMIC MINISTER FRIDERICH, AID MINISTER BAHR, AND OPPOSITION LEADER KOHL. GIVEN THE "ABSENCE OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS," GENSCHER AND MINIC CONCENTRATED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE EXPANSION OF CONTACTS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG PEOPLES, AND CONTINUATION OF DETENTE. BAHR AND GENSCHER DISCUSSED THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WITH MINIC AS WELL AS CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE

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MEDITERRANEAN AND AFRICA. FRIDERICH DEALT WITH TRADE ISSUES AND THE YUGOSLAV DESIRE FOR REPATRIATION OF SAVINGS OF YUGOSLAV WORKERS IN THE FRG TO YUGOSLAVIA. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING DISARMAMENT MEASURES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

3. POLAND: THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR IS THE THREE

RELATED AGREEMENTS (EMIGRATION, PENSION AND CREDIT)
WHICH SCHMIDT NEGOTIATED AT HELSINKI AND GENSCHER
SIGNED OCTOBER 9 AT WARSAW. THE BUNDESRAT DEBATE ON
THE PENSION AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 7,
AND, AT THIS STAGE, ITS OUTCOME IS NOT CLEAR. WHAT IS
CLEAR IS THE GERMAN ANTIPATHY TOWARDS LARGE CREDITS OR
OTHER OUTFLOWS OF MONEY TO EASTERN EUROPE IN THIS, AN
ELECTION AND RECESSION, YEAR. THIS ANTIPATHY IS THE
BASIS FOR THE OPPOSITION'S SHARP -- IF NOT UNITED --
ATTACK ON THE AGREEMENTS AND THE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE
WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN THE GERMAN PRESS OVER THEM.

4. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, POLAND HAS NOT FULFILLED
OLSZOWSKI'S PROMISE TO GENSCHER IN OCTOBER THAT POLAND
WOULD INCREASE EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS SO THAT THE

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EMIGRATION OF 10,000 ETHNIC GERMANS FROM
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ALTHOUGH THE CASE OF THESE GERMANS IS
SIMILAR TO THOSE IN POLAND, WE EXPECT THAT THE FRG
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WILL BE SLOW TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS SIMILAR TO THE
POLISH AGREEMENTS.

12. IN SHORT, THE VISIT OF THESE THREE PARTY CHIEFS
WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF EACH OTHER WILL PROBABLY SHOW
FEWER RESULTS THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED. THE FONOFF
VIEWS THEM AS A LOGICAL BUT NOT SPECTACULAR STEP IN
BUILDING BETTER RELATIONS.

13. ALBANIA: IN JULY THE ALBANIAN EMBASSY IN BELGRADE
DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FRG EMBASSY IN WHICH
ALBANIA REQUESTED REPARATION PAYMENTS OF \$2 BILLION
(IN 1938 DOLLARS) PLUS \$2 1/2 BILLION IN INTEREST. THE
FRG HAS REJECTED THIS DEMAND, REFERRING TO THE PROVISION
OF THE LONDON DEBT AGREEMENT OF 1953 TO THE EFFECT THAT
REPARATION AGREEMENTS ARE RESERVED TO A FUTURE PEACE
TREATY. WHILE DELIVERING THE REPLY, THE FRG REITERATED
ITS READINESS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

14. THE FONOFF DOES NOT KNOW WHY ALBANIA PRESENTED THIS
DEMAND. IT SEES NO LIKLIHOOD THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH ALBANIA BECAUSE ALBANIA IS
LOATH TO EXPOSE ITS PEOPLE WITH THEIR LOW STANDARD OF
LIVING TO INCREASED CONTACT WITH THE WEST.
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